

## Montgomery Council

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## Statement by Council President Michael Subin on County's Proposed Operating Budget

"The Council appreciates all the work done by the County Executive and his staff in presenting a proposed, prudent budget for tough times that maintains critically important programs and pays the bills.

"Over the next eight weeks, the Council will be rolling up its sleeves and taking a long, hard look at reductions in public expenditures and possible revenue increases: today, everything is on the table.

"We will craft a budget that keeps faith with our needs in education, transportation, mental health, and public safety, while sharing the burden as fairly and evenly as possible.

"The most likely scenario is that everybody will feel the pain in one form or another."

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